

## Message Text

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: EGEN, EINV, UN, ECOSOC

SUBJECT: INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENT ON ILLICIT PAYMENTS

REF: (A) GENEVA 5277 (B) STATE 152012 (C) TOKYO 9494

1. SUMMARY: GOJ WILL NOT STAND AGAINST US IF CONSENSUS  
FAVORS USG PROPOSAL FOR DIPLOMATIC CONFERENCE. GOJ STILL,  
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HOWEVER, IS NOT STRONG SUPPORTER FOR CONVENING OF DIPLOMATIC  
CONFERENCE. END SUMMARY.

2. EMIN AND EMBOFF CALLED ON YOSHIO OKAWA, DIRECTOR GENERAL  
UN BUREAU TO SEEK GOJ SUPPORT FOR US PROPOSAL FOR DIPLOMATIC  
CONFERENCE AND ASSURANCE THAT THEY WILL NOT BLOCK  
CONSENSUS IN WORKING GROUP IF SUPPORT CAN BE OBTAINED

FOR US RECOMMENDATION.

3. TANABE, DEPUTY DIRECTOR, UN BUREAU, WHO WAS ALSO PRESENT, SAID GOJ WOULD NOT BE "SINGLE COUNTRY" TO STAND AGAINST US RECOMMENDATION AND, THEREFORE, WOULD NOT BLOCK CONSENSUS OBTAINED BY USG.

4. GOJ, HOWEVER, STILL NOT CONVINCED INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENT IS ONLY MEANS TO CONTROL ILLICIT PAYMENTS AND, THEREFORE, SUGGEST FOLLOWING MODIFICATION IN US PROPOSED WORKING GROUP RECOMMENDATION TO ECOSOC. (GOJ CHANGES SHOWN IN PARENTHESIS). "THE WORKING GROUP RECOMMENDS THAT THE ECOSOC ESTABLISH APPROPRIATE MACHINERY, INCLUDING THE (POSSIBILITY OF) CONVENING OF A DIPLOMATIC CONFERENCE AT THE EARLIEST POSSIBLE DATE, TO DRAFT AN INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENT (OR OTHER APPROPRIATE MEASURES) TO PREVENT AND ELIMINATE ILLICIT PAYMENTS IN WHATEVER FORM, IN CONNECTION WITH INTERNATIONAL COMMERCIAL TRANSACTIONS".

5. OKAWA SAID THAT IF EXPANDED WORKING GROUP IS "OPEN-ENDED" AS PROPOSED BY USG, THEN LARGE SIZE OF GROUP MIGHT MAKE FOR UNWIELDLY MANAGEMENT. TANABE, ON THE OTHER HAND, AS REPORTED REF. C FAVORS WORKING GROUP BE EXPANDED TO EQUAL THAT OF MEMBERSHIP OF ECOSOC. GOJ OFFICIALS DID AGREE, CONFIDENTIAL

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HOWEVER, THAT IT IS IMPORTANT TO DEVELOP TACTICS FOR EXPANDED WORKING GROUP, I.E., THE NUMBER OF MEMBERS TO BE INCLUDED AND HOW SELECTED. MANSFIELD

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